

HOUSE BILL 54
By Fowlkes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to assistance of counsel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

56-7-129.

(a) An insurance company is prohibited from taking sworn statements of
a policy holder during an investigation of a disputed claim unless such policy
holder has the assistance of legal counsel.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a
fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand
dollars (\$1,000) for each violation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.